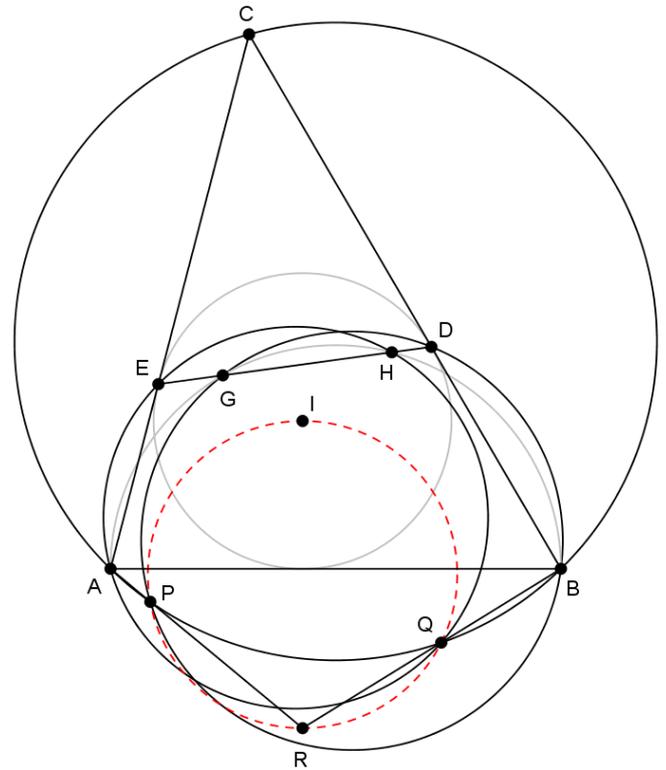


Problem. Let the incircle of the triangle ABC touch the sides BC and CA at points D and E , respectively. The circle with diameter AB intersects the line DE at points G and H , such that $\overline{GE} < \overline{GD}$. Let ω be the circumcircle of ABC . The circumcircle of BDG intersects ω again at P . The circumcircle of AEH intersects ω again at Q . Let R be the intersection of the lines AP and BQ . Prove that the incenter I of the triangle ABC lies on the circumcircle of PQR .

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Proof (Stefan Lozanovski).

By Miquel's Theorem for the triangle EDC and the points $B \in DC$, $A \in CE$ and $G \in ED$ on its sides (or extensions), we get that the circumcircles (EAG) , (DBG) and (CAB) pass through a common point. Therefore, P is the Miquel Point, so the circumcircle of EAG also passes through P . Similarly, the circumcircle of DBH passes through Q . We will prove that these two circles pass through I .

Let AI intersect DE at H' . Then,

$$\angle BIH' = \angle IAB + \angle IBA = \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}.$$

Since $\overline{CD} = \overline{CE}$ as tangent segments, we have

$$\angle CDH' \equiv \angle CDE = \frac{180^\circ - \gamma}{2} = \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2},$$

so $BDH'I$ is cyclic. Therefore,

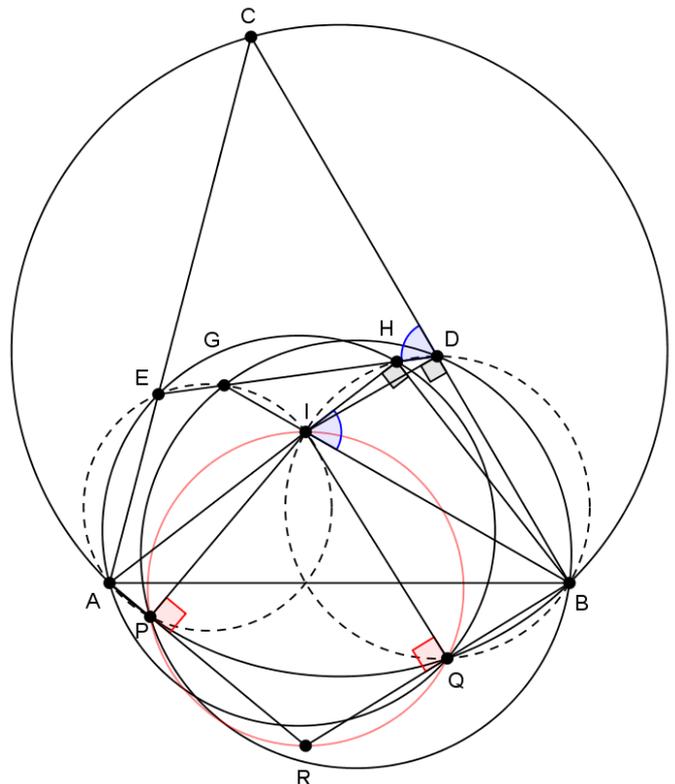
$$\angle AH'B \equiv \angle IH'B = \angle IDB = 90^\circ,$$

so by the definition of H , we get that $H' \equiv H$ which means that $I \in AH$ and $I \in (BDH)$.

Similarly, $I \in BG$ and $I \in (AEG)$.

In conclusion $BDHIQ$ is cyclic with diameter BI (because $\angle IDB = 90^\circ$). So, $IQ \perp BR$. Similarly,

$IP \perp AR$, and therefore $IPRQ$ is cyclic ■



Remark.

If an easier problem is needed, this problem can be slightly simplified by defining the points G and H as the intersections of the line DE with the angle bisectors of $\angle ABC$ and $\angle CAB$, respectively. Then, the points H' (and G') are not needed in this proof, but we still need the part where we prove that $BDHI$ (and $AEGI$) are cyclic.